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Smokejumper Obituary

Miller, Dennis D. (McCall 1945)

Dennis died February 16, 2013. He was born February 16, 1920, in Holmes County Ohio in a farming community of Mennonite and Amish people. Dennis graduated from high school in Berlin, Ohio after which he worked driving truck.

Dennis entered Civilian Public Service (conscientious objectors) in 1942 starting in Georgia and being transferred to Belden, Montana. He was selected for the CPS-103 smokejumper unit in 1945 where he jumped that season before being released from CPS in 1945.

Dennis worked with heavy equipment in the strip mining industry for 10 years before spending the next 33 years in the cattle business.

"Remembering the four years in CPS, I think it made me a better person. I learned to respect the feelings and thinking of other people with different backgrounds. All the projects had their importance but smokejumping was the most enjoyable. Dennis had seven fire jumps during the busy 1945 season.

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